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1. OFFICIAL DAILY BULLETIN OF LAO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT FEBRUARY 4 THAT MA KHAYKHAMPHITHOUN, HEAD OF NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPC), PRESIDED OVER A CEREMONY FOR THE TURN-OVER OF SUBSTANTIAL CHINESE AID AT THE MINISTRY OF THE PLAN ON FEBRUARY 3. PRC WAS REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, KUO YING.

2. IN SPEECH ON OCCASION, AMBASSADOR YING IS QUOTED
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AS DECLARING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE LAOS

" 150 BUSES, 8,000 BICYCLES, 10,000 TONS OF RICE, 10,000 TONS OF MOTOR FUEL, AND 300 TONS OF CEMENT IN ADDITION TO SEWING MACHINES, CLOTH, MEDICINE AND FOODSTUFFS."

3. IN HIS SPEECH OF THANKS, NPC CHAIRMAN MA ALSO MENTIONED PRC AID IN CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS BETWEEN YUNNAN AND PAK BENG AND BETWEEN NAM BAK AND LUANG PRABANG, WHICH WILL LINK UP WITH NATIONAL ROUTE 13 FROM LUANG PRABANG TO VIENTIANE AND THE SOUTH.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHAT WAS REALLY "TURNED OVER" ON FEBRUARY 3, SINCE MUCH OF THIS PRC AID HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AND APPEARS TO BE ARRIVING PIECEMEAL. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE WHOLE EVENT WAS ORGANIZED TO GIVE THE CHINESE CREDIT FOR THEIR SUBSTANTIAL AID TO LAOS, AFTER SIMILAR CEREMONY JANUARY 30 AT WHICH SOVIET AMBASSADOR SPOKE AND THEN RECEIVED THANKS OF PDRL (REFTEL). LAO ARE PERHAPS TRYING TO REASSURE PRC, WHICH AFTER ALL IS A SUBSTANTIAL AID DONOR. HOWEVER, THE CHINESE DID NOT GET "EQUAL TIME," SOVIET TURN-OVER CEREMONY GOT MORE EXTENSIVE PRESS PLAY, AND MINISTRY OF INFORMATION BULLETIN ON FOLLOWING DAY CARRIED FULL TEXT OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH, WHEREAS IT MERELY SUMMARIZED PRC AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH IN TWO SENTENCES.

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